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3 **WAC 463-XX-XXX Water Quality**  
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5 **(1) Introduction.**  
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7 This rule describes the standard the Council will apply to waste water discharges from thermal  
8 power plants under the Council's jurisdiction.  
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11 **(2) Definitions**  
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13 (a) "National Pollution Discharge Elimination System" or "NPDES" means the water quality  
14 permitting system established pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §§ 1301, 1342.  
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17 **(3) Policy**  
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19 Waste water discharges from thermal power plants under the Council's jurisdiction should not  
20 result in a significant adverse impact on the environment or human health. Compliance with this  
21 policy shall be determined based on the standards outlined in subsections (4), (5) and (6) below.  
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24 **(4) Wastewater Discharges Subject to the National Pollution Discharge Elimination**  
25 **System (NPDES) Permitting Program.**  
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27 For thermal power plants under the Council's jurisdiction that discharge wastewater subject to the  
28 NPDES permitting program, compliance with existing state and federal regulations concerning the  
29 NPDES permitting program, as adopted by the Council in Chapter 463-38 WAC, shall satisfy the  
30 Council's standard.  
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33 **(5) Wastewater Discharges to Publicly Owned Treatment Facilities.**  
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35 For thermal power plants under the Council's jurisdiction that discharge wastewater to publicly  
36 owned treatment facilities, the Council's standard shall be deemed satisfied upon a demonstration  
37 that waste water discharges will not interfere with the ability of the treatment facility to comply with  
38 the permits governing its operation.  
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41 **(6) Wastewater Discharges to Ground Water.**  
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3 groundwater, compliance with WAC chapter 173-200 shall satisfy the Council's standard.  
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